

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-14 (Canceled).

15 (New): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal cell, comprising:

obtaining a liquid crystal cell having a liquid crystal disposed in a space between two substrates struck together by a sealant portion extended in a peripheral direction thereof and interposed therebetween;

forming a first opening and a second opening on at least one side face of the liquid crystal cell, wherein the first and second openings communicate with the space having the liquid crystal;

forming an introduction spacer in the second opening protruding beyond an outer boundary of the sealant portion by a predetermined distance;

discharging bubbles mixed in the liquid crystal from the inside of the liquid crystal cell through the first opening by pressing the two substrates of the liquid crystal cell together;

replenishing the liquid crystal cell with the liquid crystal by use of capillary phenomenon through the second opening.

16 (New): The method of fabricating a liquid crystal cell according to claim 15, wherein the liquid crystal is disposed between the two substrate by dropping the liquid crystal onto the coated substrate, and then superposing the other substrate thereon.

17 (New): The method of fabricating a liquid crystal cell according to claim 15, wherein the pressing of the two substrates is carried out at a temperature for causing viscosity of the

liquid crystal to be lower than the viscosity at a normal temperature, and the sealant to be softer than the same at a normal temperature.

18 (New): The method of fabricating a liquid crystal cell according to claim 15, wherein the pressing step adjusts dimensions of the space between the two substrates such that a predetermined space is formed.

19 (New): The method of fabricating a liquid crystal cell according to claim 15, wherein the first opening comprises a step portion.

20 (New): The method of fabricating a liquid crystal cell according to claim 19, wherein the step portion is formed by an end portion of a color filter positioned within an outer boundary of the sealant portion with a region adjacent to the step portion surrounded by the sealant portion.

21 (New): The method of fabricating a liquid crystal cell according to claim 15, further comprising providing a color filter within the predetermined space between the two substrates.

22 (New): The method of fabricating a liquid crystal cell according to claim 21, further comprising:

forming a dummy color filter that extends from an outer peripheral end portion of the color filter to the sealant portion, and wherein the dummy color filter is substantially a same thickness as the color filter.

23 (New): The method of fabricating a liquid crystal cell according to claim 21, wherein the introduction portion is continuous to the color filter and a surface of the introduction portion is on the same plane as that of the color filter.

24 (New): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal cell, comprising:

extending a sealing portion having a predetermined width between two substrates within a predetermined distance from an outer peripheral end portion of each of the substrates, and opened in a peripheral direction of each of the substrates at a predetermined position;

forming a wall portion around an open portion of the sealing portion to reach the outer peripheral end portion of the substrates from the sealing portion;

defining an opening by the two substrates and a pair of the wall portions;

filling a gap surrounded by the sealing portion between the two substrates with liquid crystal;

forming a replenishing port in the sealing portion extending into the gap between the substrates, and including an introduction spacer protruding beyond an outer boundary of the sealing portion by a predetermined distance and that extends into the gap; and

discharging bubbles mixed in the liquid crystal through the opening and forming a predetermined gap by changing the dimensions of the gap, wherein the opening includes a bubble trapping means for preventing bubbles mixed in the liquid crystal from re-entering through the opening into the predetermined gap.

25 (New): The method of claim 24, further comprising forming a step portion in the opening as the bubble trapping means.

26 (New): The method of claim 24, further comprising forming a recessed portion in one of the substrates at the opening as the bubble trapping means.

27 (New): The method claim 24, further comprising forming a dummy color filter adjacent to an outer peripheral end portion of a color filter positioned within the gap between the substrates.

28 (New): The method of claim 27, further comprising forming a notch in the dummy color filter at the opening.

29 (New): The method of claim 24, further comprising forming a dummy color filter adjacent to an outer peripheral end portion of a color filter positioned within the gap between the substrates and superposed on the sealing portion, wherein the introduction spacer of the replenishing portion is continuous to the color filter.

30 (New): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal cell, comprising:
providing two substrates, wherein one of the substrates includes a color filter;
coating one of the two substrates with a sealant having a predetermined width such that the sealant is positioned within a predetermined dimension of an outer peripheral edge surface of the substrate, wherein the coating is cut-off to define predetermined positions of a first set of openings and a second set of openings along a longitudinal direction of the substrate;

placing the other substrate to the sealant on the coated substrate such that a space is formed between the two substrates and the first set of openings and the second set of openings are formed at the predetermined positions along the longitudinal direction of the two substrates, wherein the first set of openings include a step portion;

providing liquid crystal into the space between the two substrates;

pressing the two substrates together such that the space reaches a predetermined dimension and bubbles in the liquid crystal are pushed out through the first set of openings; and

replenishing the liquid crystal in the space having the predetermined dimension through the second set of openings by use of a capillary phenomenon.

31 (New): The method of claim 30, wherein providing the liquid crystal into the space between the two substrates comprises dropping the liquid crystal onto the color filter on the coated substrate, and then superposing the other substrate thereon.

32 (New): The method of claim 30, wherein providing the liquid crystal into the space between the two substrates comprises injecting the liquid crystal into the space between the two substrates.

33 (New): The method of claim 30, wherein the step prevents bubbles in the liquid crystal from re-entering through the first set of openings into the space.

34 (New): The method of claim 30, wherein the second set of openings comprise an introduction spacer protruding beyond an outer boundary of the sealant by a predetermined distance and extends to the color filter.

35 (New): The method of claim 30, further comprising forming a dummy color filter that extends from an outer peripheral portion of the color filter and is superposed on the sealant, wherein the dummy color filter includes a notch formed in a portion of the dummy filter located at the first set of openings.